

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 8, 14 and 19-21 are pending in this application, Claims 2, 8 and 14 having been amended and Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13 and 15-18 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1, 3-6, 7, 9-12, 13 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,067,162 to Driscoll Jr. et al (herein "Driscoll") and Claims 2, 8, 14 and 19-21 were indicated as including allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 2, 8, and 14 have been amended to be in independent form, and Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13 and 15-18 have been canceled by the present Amendment. Accordingly, only allowable Claims 2, 8, 14 and 19-21 remain pending in this application

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which after final rejection permits entering of amendments, canceling claims and presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Since the present amendment places claims indicated as including allowable subject matter independent form and cancels all rejected claims, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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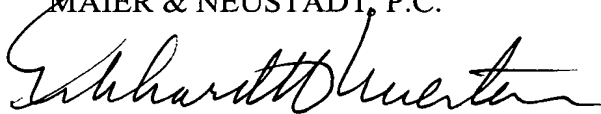
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Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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